



GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 27, 2004

11:00 a.m. Greensboro, NC

4th Floor Conference Room (Room 401)

Old Guilford County Courthouse

ATTENDANCE

Jim Westmoreland	TCC Chair/GDOT	Kimberly Hinton	NCDOT, TPB
Tyler Meyer	GDOT/MPO	Frank Wyatt	Greensboro Engineering & Inspections
Jeff Sovich	GDOT/MPO	Mark Kirstner	Guilford Co. Planning & Development
Peggy Holland	GDOT/MPO	Patty Eason	NCDOT, Division 7
Craig McKinney	GDOT/MPO	Heidi Galanti	Greensboro Planning Department
Adam Fischer	GDOT	Hanna Cockburn	PTCOG/PTRPO
George Linney	GTA	Allen Purser	Greensboro Chamber of Commerce

Jim Westmoreland called the meeting to order at 11:03 p.m.

Action Items

1. Approve Minutes of October 27, 2004

Frank Wyatt moved for approval of the minutes. Adam Fischer seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes as prepared.

2. Thoroughfare Plan Adoption

Jeff Sovich advised that the comprehensive update of the Thoroughfare Plan was developed in conjunction with the 2030 LRTP. This extensive revision was presented during the August 25 MPO meetings, but approval was deferred in order to provide additional time for the TAC to review and consider the more than 140 proposed changes. Staff have conducted a series of small group meetings with TAC members to review the changes in detail and to address any concerns the TAC had. Most of the changes in this revision were made to correct errors or to improved consistency with the Long Range

Transportation Plan, the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program and the thoroughfare plans of other neighboring MPOs. The requested action is to recommend that the TAC approve the Thoroughfare Plan update as presented.

Mark Kirstner moved to recommend that the TAC approve the update as presented; Frank Wyatt seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

3. GTA 04-10 MTIP Amendment

Jeff Sovich advised that following the MTIP amendment approved in the August MPO meetings, it was discovered that federal Section 5307 funds were allocated for both preventive maintenance and operating assistance for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Unfortunately this is not permissible under Federal Transit Administration guidelines. Because GTA is still eligible for federal operating assistance, and because operating assistance funding is currently a higher priority, this amendment shifts the funds that were previously programmed for preventive maintenance into the operating assistance projects, for fiscal years 2004 and 2004. Projects TG-4755A, Preventative Maintenance and TG-4756B Preventive Maintenance are deleted. The funding assumptions for projects TO-4782, Operating Assistance, and TO-4782 Operating Assistance are amended to reflect the additional 5307 funds shifted from the corresponding preventive maintenance projects, as well as the related local matching funds. The total funding for project TO-4782 is increased from \$6,136,979 to \$8,640,687. The total funding for project TO-4782 is increased from \$5,850,460 to \$ 6,112,523. The requested action is to recommend that the TAC approve the amendment as presented.

Frank Wyatt moved to recommend that the TAC approve the amendment as presented; Adam Fischer seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

4. Travel Model Development Supplemental Cost Participation

Tyler Meyer advised that PART has determined that additional model development work will need to be conducted through the professional services contract with Parsons-Brinckerhoff. There are two additional tasks that will be performed. The first of these involves taking over and accelerating completion of responsibilities that the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch will not be able to keep on schedule. The second consists of collection of on-board transit passenger survey data throughout the region to improve transit demand forecasting. The anticipated total cost of these work tasks is approximately \$365,118, of which the Greensboro MPO's share is \$15,097. This arrangement benefits from a program passed by the General Assembly that allows PART to have its planning expenses matched dollar for dollar by NCDOT, up to \$250,000 per year. Approval of this additional cost participation is being brought to the MPO because the current model development agreement is between PART and the MPOs. This model, which is based on the TransCAD platform, will be a significant advancement over the current TranPlan based model. The requested action is to recommend that the TAC approve the resolution authorizing PART to be reimbursed for supplemental model development costs.

Frank Wyatt moved to recommend that the TAC approve the resolution as presented; Heidi Galanti seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Business / Potential Action Items

1. Reschedule December MPO Meeting Date

Jeff Sovich advised that the currently scheduled date for the December MPO meeting conflicts with the 4th Annual Triad Transportation Summit, sponsored by the Greensboro and High Point Chambers of Commerce. Potential December agenda items preclude cancellation, making it necessary to reschedule those meetings. The current scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, December 15. The proposed alternative is Thursday, December 16 at the regularly scheduled times; the TCC meeting from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm and the TAC meeting from 1:45 to 3:45 pm. The committee agreed to reschedule the December meetings from the 15th to the 16th, to be held in the Blue Room of the Old Courthouse, pending agreement by the TAC.

2. Guilford County Road Renaming Proposal

Mark Kirstner advised regarding proposals to rename two short segments of Vickrey Chapel Road, which were introduced during the August MPO meetings. The segment from Business 85 to the present Grandover Parkway intersection was proposed to be renamed to Guilford College Road. This change would ensure that there is an interchange on Business 85 signed for Guilford College Road, and facilitate wayfinding for northbound traffic along a continuous thoroughfare connection, once the construction of the new alignment portion is complete. Since the time of the August meeting, the Guilford County Planning Board has approved this renaming. There was also a proposal that the segment of Vickrey Chapel Road from the present Grandover Parkway intersection to High Point Road be renamed to Grandover Parkway. This proposal is intended to help prevent emergency service problems that would result from splitting Vickrey Chapel Road into two discontinuous segments, located on opposite sides of Business 85. This proposal however has not been approved due to opposition by residents along this section of Vickrey Chapel Road. In a public meeting earlier this month, these residents agreed to an alternative proposal to rename this segment to "Vickrey Chapel North," however this concept has since been rejected by County Emergency Services personnel, as a potentially confusing designation. An additional meeting has been scheduled for County Planning staff to work with Emergency Services staff and affected residents to reach an agreeable solution to this road naming issue. Further updates will be presented at future meetings.

3. MPO Strategic Reports

Tyler Meyer advised regarding the status of project R-2612 to construct interchanges on US 421 at Woody Mill Road and Neelley Road. We are currently awaiting completion of the draft environmental assessment and traffic forecast, which is taking somewhat longer than originally expected. Completion of this work is now anticipated around November 15. A public officials' meeting will be held soon thereafter, most likely in December, involving representatives of the Town of Pleasant Garden, the MPO, NCDOT Division 7, and the NCDOT Project Development Branch.

Tyler Meyer advised that the North Carolina Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations' annual conference in Wilmington was a great success. The conference brought together transportation professionals and officials from throughout the state, including staff from the MPOs, RPOs, NCDOT, FHWA, FTA and regional transportation agencies. Attendees benefited from some excellent technical sessions and useful discussions. Several members of the Board of Transportation attended, as did US Representative Mike McIntyre, who spoke during the session on legislative issues. There was also a presentation on the recently adopted State Transportation Plan. The Plan found that over the next 25

years, the state will have over \$84 billion in transportation needs, but only \$55 billion in available revenues with which to meet those needs. The Plan also outlines a strategy for allocating the available funds among the known needs. It may be possible to have someone from NCDOT, such as Laurie Cove, give an informational presentation on this Plan during an MPO meeting in the near future.

Other Items

1. TCC Member Report

Patty Eason advised that the NCDOT Division 7 hoped to have moved its offices to a new location by Thanksgiving, but in fact, the relocation will not be complete until December.

The I-40 widening project is officially complete. There are some work crews still operating in the vicinity of the future Gallimore Dairy Road interchange with the Urban Loop.

Construction of the Western Urban Loop from I-85 to Bryan Boulevard is approximately 20% complete and the contractors are making excellent progress toward the projected completion date of July or August, 2007.

NCDOT is working on correcting signage problems and additional lighting installation on the recently completed Southern Urban Loop.

Construction of the new location portion of the Guilford College Road project is approximately 60% complete. The grading, base, and asphalt is in place and work on the railroad structures is beginning.

The TCC adjourned at 12:18 p.m.